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Re: Compliance Inquiry Letter
May 27, 1988

Dear Ms. Tin,

This letter is being submitted in response to the above referenced letter received by this facility on May 28, 1988. The intent of this letter is to state our position with respect to the apparent violations addressed in your letter and our means to correct these apparent violations.

On February 19, 1988, Wastex Research, Inc. picked up a dump trailer load of non-hazardous waste from United Steel Drum, Inc. that was to be transported to Envirosafe Services of Ohio in Oregon, Ohio. The shipment arrived at Envirosafe on February 22, 1988 but was rejected by the facility because the waste was too dry. At that time, Wastex was instructed to bring the load back to United Steel Drum, Inc. The load was shipped on Illinois manifest number 1858163.

The shipment arrived at Wastex Research on Tuesday, February 23, 1988 in the early A.M. Upon arrival at Wastex, the trailer was placed under cover to protect the load from the weather. Later on Tuesday, discussions were held with United Steel Drum to attempt to determine what would be done with the rejected load. Wastex was told by Mr. Carron of United Steel Drum that he was investigating other disposal facilities and/or other means of containment (large bags) and he would notify us as to what to do with the load in a couple of days. It was agreed that the trailer would remain at Wastex under cover since United did not have a place to keep it out of the weather.

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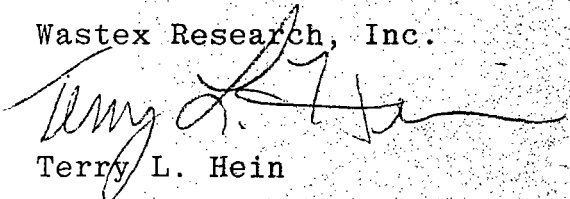
Once it became apparent that the load was not going to be moving within a few days, a decision was made to leave the materials on the dump trailer and under cover. This decision was reached for three primary reasons. The load was a non-hazardous waste, it would be better kept under cover and out of the winter elements and the load and trailer were much more secure at the Wastex facility.

Finally, on May 23, 1988, the load was taken to United Steel Drum and the trailer was unloaded. Upon emptying the trailer, it was returned to Wastex. It is the understanding of the writer that the materials were then reloaded and sent to Envirosafe of Ohio for disposal.

Until we received the Compliance Inquiry Letter stating the apparent violations, we felt that we had made a decision that was correct both environmentally and for reasons of security.

Respectfully submitted,

Wastex Research, Inc.



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